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International application No. PCT/US06/17281	International filing date (day/month/year) 04 May 2006 (04.05.2006)	Priority date (day/month/year) 09 December 2005 (09.12.2005)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC IPC: A61N 1/00 (2006.01), 1/32 (2006.01); C12N 13/00 (2006.01), 5/00 (2006.01) USPC: 607/2,3,50,115; 604/20; 435/173,1,375		
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If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Name and mailing address of the ISA/ US Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Facsimile No. (571) 273-3201	Date of completion of this opinion 11 August 2006 (11.08.2006)	Authorized Officer Robert Pezzuto Telephone No. (571) 272-3700
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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

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International application No.
PCT/US06/173

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-173

YES

Claims NONE

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-173

YES

Claims NONE

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-173

YES

Claims NONE

NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-173 an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Donovan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,810,286), Girouard et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. 2004/0158289), Whitehurst et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2004/0106954).
Donovan (col. 3, line 29 - col. 12, line 15; fig. 1), Girouard (pg. 5, [0072] - pg. 19, [0923]) and Whitehurst (pg. 2, [0033] - pg. 14, [0165]) disclose a system, method and device for modifying tissue behavior, comprising: determining a desired modification of tissue behavior for at least one treatment of a disease and assessing tissue response to stimulation; selecting an electric field having an expected effect of modifying protein activity of at least one protein; and applying said field to said tissue.

Claims 1-173 an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Duverger et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. 2003/0100889) and Ladner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,962,246).

Duverger (pg. 2, [0025] - pg. 6, [0069]) and Ladner (col. 12, line 49 - col. 13, line 26) disclose a method, system and kit for modifying tissue behavior, comprising: determining a desired modification of tissue behavior for at least one treatment of a disease and modifying protein activity to treat disease.